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TO: John Whitehead, Permit Supervisor/Reclamation
Hydrologist
FROM: ^{SL} Steve Cox, Reclamation Biologist
RE: Wasatch Tar Sands, Inc., Seep Ridge Project,
DOE/047/017, Uintah County, Utah

On Tuesday, March 26, 1985, John Blake, Division of State Lands & Forestry (DSL&F), was contacted by telephone to inquire about the status of Wasatch Tar Sands, Inc., Seep Ridge Project. This operation had disturbed approximately two acres on state land (Memo to File dated May 24, 1984). The property had been entered without the knowledge or consent of the state's lessee, Celsius Energy Company (letter from John Blake dated September 11, 1984). The disturbance has not been reclaimed.

Mr. Blake stated that Wasatch Tar Sands, Inc., had agreed to reclaim the site to DSL&F's satisfaction. The reclamation was to begin in June 1985 when the area is accessible.

The Division has never made a determination if the disturbance is over two acres, therefore, Wasatch Tar Sands, Inc., is operating under the Declaration of Exemption which they filed on August 26, 1983. At this point, I recommend that no action be taken by the Division since DSL&F has assumed responsibility for ensuring that the site is reclaimed.

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cc: Lowell Braxton
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